

M. P. Kinkaid won out in the congressional race over Judge Westover by a few hundred votes.

Have you noticed the report of subscriptions to the republican campaign fund, which was promised to be published after election?

There is considerable talk of Taft appointing John D. Rockefeller secretary of the treasury. A commendable selection—from a republican standpoint.

Well, if we did not win out nationally, we have the satisfaction of electing democratic governors in Ohio, Minnesota, Indiana, North Dakota, Montana, Nebraska and all over the south. Oh, it wasn't all republicans by any means.

The editor of the Alliance Times must be short on "dope" as he is still pounding away at W. J. Bryan and fighting the campaign over. That smacks a great deal of the old carpet-bag, bloody-shirt times, right after the war. There's a new and popular song that should be sung by the Times editor entitled, "Forget It."

"Is the democratic party dead," asks an exchange. Don't you think it, Brother. So long as right and justice exist, there will be a democratic party—a party of the people. Never mind defeat. Washington met defeat until he wept tears of sorrow at Valley Forge, but the ultimate outcome of his defeat and grief, is the grandest nation on God's footstool. No, the democratic party is not dead nor sleeping.

#### SECRET RATES FOR STANARD OIL

Pays 9 Cents a Barrel, While Independent Concerns Pay 28 Cents.

That secret tariff rates, which were not filed with the interstate commerce commission, were issued by the Pennsylvania railroad and that the Standard Oil company only profited by the alleged illegal rates, was testified in the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company at New York.

Edward T. Johnson of Buffalo, division freight agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, testified that the Standard Oil is the only shipper from Olean to Rochester, a distance of 106 miles, and that the rate, which has never been filed with the interstate commerce commission or posted, as required by law, is 9 cents a barrel. Independent concerns in the same territory, it was brought out, paid rates as high as 28 cents a barrel for practically the same distance. Mr. Johnson admitted that the Standard Oil was the only shipper receiving the rate of 9 cents a barrel.

#### FUMES WORSE THAN FIRE.

Mexico's Oil Well Blaze Extinguished, but Score of Workmen Killed.

Fumes from Mexico's great oil well fire, sixty miles from Tampico, have killed more than a score of workmen during the past few days, completely blackened the white paint on the side of ships and caused thousands of dollars' damage to ranches and other neighboring interests.

Battling to save what they could from the wreckage, American mine owners, after spending more than a million dollars, finally succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, but even greater terrors than before prevailed then. When the fire was stopped the gases burst forth and laborers inhaling a bit of the stuff dropped in their tracks dead.

Owners of the well have appealed to the Mexican government and several companies of soldiers have been sent to the scene.

#### GOETHALS CLEARED OF CHARGE.

Garlington Finds Unfair Treatment Was Not Accorded to Cable Co.

General Garlington of the army, in a report just made public, exonerated Chairman Goethals of the Isthmian canal commission of the charge made by President Brothers of the Balanced Crane Cable company of New York, who claimed that unfair treatment was accorded him in the award for furnishing and erecting cable ways at Gatun, on the Isthmus. General Garlington holds that there was no collusion, that the award was made in good faith, and recommends that the contract with the Lidgerwood company be proceeded with. The report was approved by the secretary of war.

#### Dr. Goddard Goes Free.

Dr. J. D. Goddard, whose trial and conviction for the murder of Frederick Jackson, a laundryman of Kansas City, April 1, 1897, was of the most sensational character, was released from the Missouri penitentiary. After three trials he began a twenty-year term in the spring of 1901, but a commutation and good behavior credit set him free.

## DEMOCRACY'S DEFEAT

Hard Blow to Principle of Popular Government.

### A MYSTERY TO BE EXPLAINED

Why Did the Republican National Committee Refuse to Name Election Fund Contributors?—Future of the Democratic Party—The Danger of Socialism—Culberson of Texas—Collapse of Hearst's Party—Tariff Not Likely to Be Revised.

By WILLIS J. ABBOT.

The defeat of Mr. Bryan means, in my judgment, a tremendous injury to the Democratic party, because that party has believed in Bryan, has believed in the principles for which he stood. When it appears, as it does this time, that the American people, or at least a majority of them, stand for principles opposed to popular government, stand for principles which seem to be those that will intensify the power of the federal government, we who believe in absolutely popular government are necessarily discouraged. Mr. Bryan and those who pressed his campaign have urged his candidacy on the principle that he stood for all the people all the time. We have not said at any moment that he stood for protecting the steel trust or the oil trust or the harvester trust or any other trust. We have said that if he should be elected we knew he would conduct an administration for the people. We have been notified by the people, why I do not know, that they did not care for such an administration. We have been informed that the voters of the United States very much preferred a man who has never through his own efforts earned a living, but has all through his life been drawing a federal salary. The people have said to us that they are more enthusiastic about Taft, who has done nothing and promised less, than they are about Bryan, who has done much and promised through his platform more. It is too late now to discuss any issues of the campaign. It is not too late, however, to say that the way in which the Republican party wound up the campaign was a disgrace to that party and a serious reflection on the electoral system of the United States.

This election may have been honestly won. Frankly, I do not believe it was, but it may have been. There is a certain mystery about what happened in New York, what happened in Ohio and in Indiana. But, more than all, there is a grave mystery enshrouding the utter refusal of the Republican national committee to print prior to the election the contributions which were made to it. I suppose that when the thoroughly righteous Mr. Taft may be inaugurated and it comes out in a later investigation that there was not less than three or four million dollars contributed to his campaign fund and spent not for pamphlets or ordinary methods of publicity, but for the curious and devious ways by which politicians carry an election, he will be, as Theodore Roosevelt was, absolutely silent on the subject. He will follow the Roosevelt plan. He has no doubt dragged all the money that could be obtained out of every corporation, trust or financial magnate, and then when the facts are exposed he will sit placidly and fatly in his chair as president of the United States and regard it as beneath his dignity to respond. That is what Mr. Roosevelt did. That seems to be what Mr. Taft will have to do.

#### The Future.

The Democratic party does not die through defeat. It is sure to recover from this undesired disaster four years from now. The one danger is this—that the national committee as at present constituted may possibly be so reactionary in its personal convictions that it will encourage the Socialist party to go fast to the front. That is something which the national committee must look out for. The Socialist party is growing continually. If Mr. Bryan had not been nominated this year, in my judgment, it would have been very close to second place. Now that he has been defeated it is very liable to win that place. Without exaggeration I may say that right here in Chicago I have heard not less than ten men in the Democratic party, the name of each of whom would be known almost everywhere in the United States, say that the collapse of the Democratic party in this campaign ended their connection with it and that they would sign a statement assuring their entrance and their affiliation with the Socialist party. This seems to be a rather striking political event. Personally I am not a Socialist, but one must observe the course of political changes. Weeks ago I made it clear in this letter that the defeat of Bryan would greatly strengthen the Socialist party, and today the prophecy is coming true.

Nobody knows who is likely to be the next nominee of the Democratic party. When Governor John A. Johnson carried his own state of Minnesota by carefully refraining from saying one single word in behalf of Mr. Bryan some people thought he might be able to secure the Democratic nomination. Personally I don't think he can. The man who doesn't play fair in one vital campaign is not going to get the enthusiastic support of his own party in the next campaign. Governor Johnson has ability and strength in his own state, but it seems probable that his attitude in this campaign is going to injure him through the country at large. The Democratic party believes in Mr. Bryan even though he is defeated. The voters love him, and they

will look with a great deal of suspicion on a man who, holding a prominent political office, could not find in ten weeks an opportunity to say a word in his behalf.

#### A Possibility.

If four years before the next nomination any one might prophesy, I would say that the next nominee would be Charles A. Culberson of Texas. Mr. Culberson is now a senator of the United States. He is a Democrat who has never failed to stand for Democratic principles. In the United States senate he is not merely a worker, but a man who leads his party on the floor. He has never antagonized what may be described as the radical element in the Democratic party, nor has he ever made an enemy in the conservative ranks. The only thing that can be said about or against him is that he comes from the south. I wish to ask the readers of this letter whether it is not time to abandon that old prejudice that no man from the south shall be elected to a federal office. Senator Culberson was a child when the civil war was declared. No doubt, he sympathizes with the people who nearly sixty years ago declared their purpose of retiring from the Union, but that was sixty years ago. Today he knows, as all the rest of us know, that the Union is complete and indissoluble. He is a senator of the United States, not of Texas, but of the entire Union, and recognizes that fact. There is no man in the United States senate whose sense of obligation to the whole nation is higher than his. I believe that in the next national election it will be well for the Democracy to go south for its candidate, and if it does go south it could find no man there whose standing would be better, whose popularity would be greater, whose ability would be as high as that of Senator Culberson.

#### The Hearst Vote.

Undoubtedly Mr. William Randolph Hearst through his newspapers contributed somewhat to the defeat of Mr. Bryan. The publicity which he is able to give to absolute falsehoods, the cartoons and the lies that he is able to print, would hurt any candidate. It is not a mere matter of political management, but simply his successful effort to wreak his vengeance on a man who refused to carry out his own demands. But it seems fair to inquire what became of the Hearst party, what became of Hagen and John Temple Graves. Nobody has taken them seriously from start to finish. Today the ticket is looked upon as absolutely without any strength or following.

Hagen was known to nobody. No doubt his axle grease was very good. But except to the few people who found it necessary to buy it his name was utterly unknown. John Temple Graves was prior to his ill advised effort to destroy the Democratic party a man of standing and of political prominence. But he comes out of this campaign as one who has sought to destroy that party at the behest of a newspaper owner whose salary he accepted. I do not know what may be the temper of the Democrats of Georgia, but if Mr. Graves can leave that state, go to New York and sell not merely his pen, but his voice and his personal candidacy, to a newspaper proprietor and still retain any political standing there it seems to me that the Georgians have not got the political convictions for which they have long been famed.

#### The Next Congress.

The next house of representatives will have a Republican majority of forty or more. It will have for its speaker the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon. The senate will have for its presiding officer "Sunny Jim" Sherman. Everybody has been informed from the beginning of the campaign that these two eminent gentlemen, with the aid of Mr. Taft in the White House, intend to revise the tariff immediately after the election. I wish to ask now every reader of this letter to watch and see what is done. And I ask particularly that he consider the question as to whether the tariff is being revised downward or upward. Most people who have studied the methods of the Republican party would say that there would be no revision whatsoever, and the few that might admit a possibility of revision would say that it would be upward. It will be four years before the American people have an opportunity to speak again, but at this date it seems fair to call attention to the fact that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft joined in saying that in the event of Republican success congress would be called in special session for the purpose of revising the tariff immediately. That statement was put out from the White House some months ago. It had some effect on the election, no doubt. Let us watch, now that the election is won by Roosevelt, Taft and the protected industries, whether it will give effect.

Tariff revision after election. Publication of campaign contributions after election. The election is ended. Let us see what comes from the Roosevelt and Taft pledges. Chicago.

#### The Part They Play.

"Women have no sense of humor." "Oh, haven't they?" "I can tell you one thing, though." "Well, out with it." "They keep men's sense of the same mighty active, and it amuses them so that they don't notice any deficiency."

#### Wanted to Get Even.

"If you keep on growing, young man, you will soon be bigger than your father." "I wish that time would come soon." "What's your hurry?" "So I could begin banding my clothes down to him."

## Proceedings of the County Commissioners

Alliance, Nebr., Nov. 10, 1908.

Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, all members present. J. M. Wanek, 1st district; J. P. Jensen, 2nd district; Sang C. Rock, 3rd district. J. P. Jensen, Chairman.

The day was taken up in auditing claims, consideration application of C. B. & Q. to cross County road, and affidavit of B. F. Gilman to sell land of insane ward of Frank H. Ramsdell. On motion the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock a. m. W. C. MOUNTS, Clerk.

Alliance, Nebr., Nov. 11, 1908. Board met pursuant to adjournment all members present. On motion the affidavit of B. F. Gilman was endorsed.

Application to vacate part of road No. 28 extending from sw corner of sec. 18-27-47 east to the se corner of sec. 13-27-47 passed until next meeting.

On motion, Road Overseer P. K. Christensen, of Nonpareil Precinct, is hereby ordered to see that the gate obstructing the County road at the S. E. corner of sec. 3-26-49 and the N. W. corner of sec. 10-26-49 be removed forthwith.

On motion, the following claims were allowed and the Clerk ordered to draw warrants on the General Fund for same.

W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., suppl's.	7 00
Clark Olds & Co., repair work.	5 50
Jno. Vogel, Jr., election.	7 00
Alliance Electric Co., lights.	21 80
W. C. Mounts, expense.	23 66
W. C. Mounts, expense.	51 25
W. C. Mounts, fees.	220 50
Jas. Watson, road.	9 00
Jno. O'Keefe, jury.	6 00
Jno. Leith, election.	4 00
El Everett, board of health.	3 50
L. A. Berry, board of health.	3 75
O. E. Phillips, Co. Supt.	238 39
E. F. Abley, election.	4 00
Al Mabin, election.	4 00
Chas. Tiernan, election.	4 00
N. H. Nelson, election.	4 00
Jno. Lenzen, election.	4 00
Jno. Burns, election.	8 00
Geo. Severson, election.	4 00
A. S. Reed, election.	4 00
N. M. Hayes, election.	4 00
Jno. Hayes, election.	4 00
Jacob Jesse, election.	4 00
Jno. Eckman, election.	4 00
L. A. Bowser, election.	8 40
C. L. Drake, election.	6 00
G. W. Jones, election.	6 00
C. H. Vinzel, election.	6 00
S. P. Tuttle, election.	6 00
Roy S. Beckwith, election.	6 00
B. F. Gilman, election.	6 00
Jno. Brennan, election.	10 00
A. W. Pierson, election.	6 00
School Dist. No. 29, election.	10 00
Chris Hansen, election.	4 00
E. F. Abley, election.	8 00
Fred Abley, election.	4 00
T. A. Green, election.	4 00
H. A. Allison, election.	4 00
Frank Caba, election.	4 00
G. H. Clayton, election.	4 00
Jno. Caba, election.	4 00
School Dist. 33, election.	8 00
T. J. Tschacher, election.	8 00
Henry Winten, election.	15 00
Jas. Hollinrake, election.	4 00
A. S. Enyeart, election.	8 00
A. D. Millett, election.	4 00
M. C. Beaumont, election.	12 00
Jno. Jelinek, election.	8 00
Klopp & Bartlett, supplies.	124 25
C. Klenke, election.	13 00
Jerry Rowan, election.	10 00
Jno. Herlein, election.	8 00
Louis Homrighousen, election.	4 00
Jos. Moller, election.	4 00
Jno. Vogel, election.	7 50
R. J. Hill, election.	4 00
W. G. Zediker, election.	13 50
D. W. Hughes, election.	4 00
F. M. Russell, election.	4 00
L. M. Kennedy, election.	4 00
J. R. Lawrence, election.	4 00
Hiram Wilson, election.	8 00
Jno. O'Mara, election.	4 00
C. E. Phillips, election.	4 00
W. F. Patterson, election.	12 00
Ben Danielson, election.	8 00
(Wm. Sherlock) School Dist. 9, election.	5 00
C. L. Hashman, election.	4 00
W. J. Johnson, election.	7 00
Jno. C. Wright, election.	4 00
Chas. Wilson, election.	4 00
G. E. Leidy, election.	10 00
C. E. Ball, election.	8 00
J. P. Hazard, surveying.	7 60
J. P. Hazard, election.	4 00
S. D. Graham, election.	4 00
W. C. Mounts, expense.	300 00
H. M. Bullock, election.	4 00
E. M. Martin, election.	4 00
L. M. Kennedy, road.	44 95
Jno. Garrett, road.	104 20
Chas. Ferguson, road.	40 00
Homer Crane, road.	36 00
Will Crane, road.	37 60
Wilford Griffith, road.	16 40
Will Shores, road.	15 00
Robt. Garrett, road.	10 80
O. L. Harris, road.	20 00
Jno. Daugherty, road.	1 60
W. H. Hawkins, road.	1 20
T. Colvin, road.	45 80
P. K. Christensen, road.	71 70
Frank Caba, election.	4 00
L. F. Smith, election.	4 00
Herald Pub. Co., printing.	413 75

E. P. Woods, counter & tables.	115 00
Al Wiker, fees.	62 50
Mrs. Al Wiker, board.	18 75
Madeline Carey, salary.	65 00
Fred Mollring, refunds.	147 00
T. L. Hopkins, election.	4 00
Ira Reed, attendant.	12 50
A. F. Baldrige, canvassing.	4 00
Fred Schwaderer, road.	15 00
Carm Eaton, road.	4 00
Jno. Leith, road.	5 00
Geo. McCoy, road.	8 00
F. E. Robbins, road.	6 00
A. A. Wright, road.	8 00
Geo. G. Clark, road.	10 00
Jno. Wright, road.	8 00
J. H. Hagaman, road.	4 00
W. S. Coker, road.	4 00
N. S. Worle, road.	4 00
F. McCoy, road.	37 00
School Dist. 20, election.	5 00
Sang C. Rock, commissioner.	49 02
J. M. Wanek, com.	21 70
J. P. Jensen, com.	10 90
Chas. Ferguson, road.	400 00

For value received the account of Box Butte County against S. M. Smyser is hereby acknowledged to be settled in full.

Whereupon the Board adjourns to meet Dec. 11th, 1908 at 9 a. m. W. C. MOUNTS, Clerk.

### MARSLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Miller have gone to Casper, Wyo., for a month's visit.

P. J. Clatterback has bought lots in the south side of town and, we are told, will erect a building soon.

Mesdames Hughes, Barngrover and T. E. Hunsaker were all Alliance visitors during the past week.

Men walking on all fours, was a spectacle witnessed by some of our citizens the morning after election.

F. R. Bellamy, who has been visiting his parents down on the North-Western, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. E. T. Gregg and daughters, Mrs. Bellamy and daughters were passengers to Crawford Saturday, going over to attend the play.

A fire set by sparks from a B. & M. engine raged on J. M. Tollman's winter ranch on Thursday, destroying over 400 acres of grass.

The Socialist party are giving ground that Debs got one vote in Marsland and that was laid onto Engineer Hurst. Well, he's big enough to stand it.

Henry Shimek and A. McLaughlin each shipped two cars of cattle to South Omaha Sunday, and Pete Allison of O. U. ranch shipped four cars on Monday.

Mrs. Kile went to Crawford on Saturday to help the republicans celebrate over the election. She also took in the play and returned home Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Willis reports Mrs. P. L. Hunsaker who has been dangerously ill at her home south of the river, as slightly improved and hopes are entertained for her recovery.

If you did not see the Denver Post of the 7th inst you missed the laugh of your life. Sure, Mr. Bryan knew what Teddy meant when he said, "We've got them beaten to a frazzle."

When the homestead vote got in, the congressional vote was changed and Kinkaid won out in spite of the fact that Judge Westover rode two horses while he (Kinkaid) rode but one.

There was a busy stir at the L. T. Poole home on election day, and Dr. Willis reported the arrival of a daughter at the rooms of Mrs. Wallage. Mother and daughter doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Furman and baby boy arrived from University Place on Thursday. They will take up their residence in the house on the Furman place one mile east of town.

John Sullenberger, after an absence of twenty-two years, planned a visit to his old home in Iowa, but has given it up. Most of his relatives are democrats and he could not bear to go back to a house of mourning.

The republican ratification meeting at this place has been given up. Some of the Sackems felt like "Fighting" Bob Evans said to him when the Spanish fleet went down, "Don't cheer boys, the poor devils are dying."

A Crawford gentleman tells the story that a couple of Marsland voters were in his town recently, laying in "preparation" for election day, and that each was intending to use it in defeating the men the other fellow was supporting.

True Miller is having a well drilled on his lots adjoining Dr. Willis' on the east. He is putting material on the ground for the erection of an up-to-date cottage. Carpenter James Yockey will begin the work as soon as he turns the Bellamy residence over to the plasterers.

"The congested condition of the 'Richie house,' which is filled to overflowing these days, caused the landlord to send a tramp 'editor' out for us to entertain the other day. We belong to no typographical union, fried Richie, so please don't turn any of your guests over to us.

To our notion, there's nothing in the press as an enlightener. In Leonard precinct, where we have no newspaper, the republicans won out big, but over in Crawford, where they have two shouting, howling republican papers, the precinct was given over to the democrats. What's the matter over there? There's something wrong in Denmark that doesn't smell like roses. Was it booze or boodle or some of each?

Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Geo. Gregg and Mrs. H. L. Richardson played the role of "The Merry Widow" on Friday evening and went out to the dance at the home of those jolly bachelor boys, the Nicholson Bros. It is now in order for the Dr. and Messrs. Gregg and Richardson to indulge in a little "lark." Misses Fern Snow and Winnie Cadwalder also went and George Richie acted as "beau ideal" to the quintet. All report a fine time and a moonlight ride of fifty miles.

It is with pleasure that we learn the results of the recent election in the old Jawkeye state and of promotion of B. F. Carroll, present state auditor, to the gubernatorial chair. Some thirty-six years ago, when the writer was a country school maam in old Hackleberry, a province in Davis county, Iowa, Ben Carroll, then a small boy, lived with his widowed mother and a large family of brothers and sisters in an humble home near by, surrounded by a dense grove of jack pines. His brothers and sisters were our schoolmates and our chums. We had lost track of the boy until a few years ago we learned that he was auditor of state and now is elected to the highest office in that great commonwealth, "Hurrah for Carroll!"

We wish that those persons who accuse Judge Taft of being an "atheist," an "infidel," etc., would read his address delivered before the National Foreign Missionary Society in Washington recently, and which was at the earnest solicitation of that grand old Methodist Bishop Hartgell. At its close, 10,000 people were on their feet waving handkerchiefs and showing their appreciation of his words throughout. And, after all, it was only the old, old story of what Christianity does for humanity, both at home and in foreign countries.

We are informed that Box Butte county won Minnamascot, the mule which was sent to Mr. Bryan by the Minnesota state fair association, and which he in turn promised to the county in this state showing the largest democratic gains. It will be placed in the city park of Alliance, where it will ruminate among sweat peas and roses. Poor old Dawes, the mother of Box Butte, has no political mule to boast of, but she has some other long eared political animals worth mentioning.

### ANGORA

The special meetings held by Rev. McLaughlin and H. C. Clausen closed Sunday night. The outcome was fairly good. The First Presbyterian church of Angora was organized with nearly twenty members with the hope of an increase up to 25 or 30. The people are very much encouraged and after April 1st Dalton and Angora will be joined together and have a regular pastof. Owing to bad weather and busy times the crowds were not as large as expected but the house Sunday was pretty well filled.

### Does Poultry Pay?

Being in a position to thoroughly test the much discussed question, "Does poultry pay," I decided for my own information as well as others who have not kept a strict account of expenses and income from their poultry, to this year, 1908, forever settle the question beyond a shadow of a doubt.

First of all, I live alone in the sand hills, do all my buying and selling, take exclusive care of my poultry, buy all my feed, so know to a penny just what my expenses have been.

My flock is the Barred Plymouth Rock, as near pure blood as careful breeding can make them. Great many contend they are not prolific layers, I will be glad to hear from some one having either white or brown Leghorns so as to decide this matter.

Began the year with \$13 worth of corn and \$10 worth of wheat. Bought during the season \$3.85 worth of millet, making a total of \$26.85.

My flock consisted of 62 hens and 4 males (the latter had to be fed if they did not lay.) I kept a strict account of the eggs laid each day, giving the hens credit for the value of the eggs laid each month at the price during that month. The coveys as well as myself had a meal from my flock once in awhile, so I counted the flock the first of each month.

Average number of hens for 9 months were 50%. Amount above cost of feed \$51.17%, making a trifle over \$1.02 to the hen. Set 20 hens during April and May. These hens continued to eat but stopped laying. Raised 41 chickens to maturity, which ate but did not add to the egg supply. Sold the rest of the hatches with the hens as soon as hatched, thereby reducing my hens as you see